

MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS

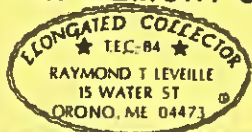


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'The Best Three Dollars An Elongated Collector Can Spend'

by Chester M. Rogers

Where can you get more for your money then by joining a Elongated Collectors Club in todays world of inflation? As a member you receive a quarterly newsletter which is loaded with knowledge from both collector and roller, who try to create a hobby for you without too much expense.

Any of you that have been secretaries of organizations or clubs know how much work there is involved and often wonder if we are appreciated. The editors of both clubs I belong to do a terrific job in their newsletters without pay of any kind.

What are we doing as members? We're only paying \$ 3.00 a year in dues. Some write an article and all are an education in themselves. We also usually receive four elongateds a year with our newsletter which a roller has donated plus a membership elongated from TEC which has a value between two and three dollars.

These rollers do not get paid for their give-aways, so you see we are a devoted group. A lot of us (rollers) still pay forty dollars for a die to be engraved. The roller has to sell 105 elongateds before he even starts to make a nickel. That's the reason that there are only a few rollers today.

There are only a few things in life that you can get a better bargain for \$ 3.00. Join MEC or TEC if you're either a collector or roller and you'll be glad you did.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BURTON NEAL LEVY

Dear Burton:

I just returned from the A.N.A. Convention and was sorry to read that your Club is having difficulty in getting people to attend. I have been involved in a number of organizations and found that some of the following boosted our membership.

Everyone attending the meeting receives a free coin. A silent raffle allows members to bid throughout the meeting by writing their number and the amount offered for elongateds. If you have coins donated by rollers the club can net a profit and the members can buy the coins reasonably. The House of Elongateds will be happy to donate some coins if this will help. Color slides are always welcome and you can obtain them by trading with C. C. E.

Surprise gifts given by being taped to the bottom of a chair so that the lucky winner is actually sitting over the award adds interest. Send some elongateds to columnists in your local paper. Chances are this will get a free writeup which would boost attendance. If you have a coin columnist he should certainly mention your meeting.

In all probability you have tried most of these techniques and they are only suggestions in the hope that one or more ideas can benefit your club. If you find that you need articles for a bulletin, please let me know and I will be happy to comply. Incidentally, I understand the October Numismatist will run a story I wrote about six months ago. I hope this ads interest to our hobby. The House of Elongateds has been inactive for some time but I hope to regain my stride now that the Convention is behind me.

Sincerely,

Lee Martin

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DEAR BURT:

SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT M.E.C
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HELP? I HOPE THE CLUB
DOES NOT FOLD— LET ME
KNOW WHAT YOU NEED FROM
ME — DAN —

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Continued)

Dear Sir:

I am writing to register my strong and vigorous protest at the "cartoon" which disgraces the front page of the current Newsletter.

There is a legitimate place for the political cartoon which holds up to ridicule some aspect of a politician's words or actions; but, the sketch of President Nixon and his secretary was obviously not concerned with any character traits which the artist wished to satirize; to the contrary, it subjected them not to an honest laugh but to a vulgar snicker--to this I object.

Let me acknowledge immediately that I voted for Mr. Nixon in 1960, 1968, and 1972 and that I stand behind him in his present difficulties. However, I would object to the cartoon even if its subject matter were not Mr. Nixon but the equally esteemed President of Midwest Elongated Collectors.

In closing, let me urge upon you the advisability and, indeed, the propriety of abandoning this newly-found taste for the cheap laugh and confining yourself to matters dealing with our hobby; goodness knows there is sufficient matter there for satire.

Sincerely yours,
Leonard A. Krug

To Whom It May Concern:

Many thanks for allowing me the privilege of joining your organization. I sincerely hope it will be for both, as rewarding and personable, as has been my membership in TEC.

I have made many new elongated collecting friends, and numerous new sources of coins. I have approximately 1500 pieces in my collection, and about 150 duplicates, which I will sell or trade, please advise members.

I have read the past copies of the MEC newsletter which you sent with membership notification.

Advised the "Fox" collector, via Burton Neal Levy, where he could purchase a "Sitting Fox", which he did not have listed.

Also, for the person describing Xmas issues, who has seventy some odd pieces, please be advised that I have 88 at present, between the years of 1964 thru 1974.

Awaiting the next current paper - Your collecting friend,
Doug Fairbanks Sr.



I NEED YOUR HELP!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Continued)

9-9-74

Burt -

In response to your plea for more assistance with MEC, I have this to say. It is indeed difficult for people to attend meetings of a regional group - meeting locally - I believe that if MEC is to survive, the B.O.D. must move to hold one (at least) annual meeting within the area which we serve. The obvious, would be in conjunction with the annual Central States Numismatic Society Convention which is normally held sometime in May of each year. The 1975 show will be in Kansas City - 1976 Chicago - 1977 Milwaukee, etc.

By giving MEC this broad exposure, I am sure that we would flourish - without this we may perish! Believe me, this is the only way. It would also give our members a great "excuse" to attend at least one meeting per year. During the course of the year we could also slate meetings at various numismatic events within our area (state coin conventions).

I was exceedingly dissappointed that the MEC Board voted not to meet at the Wisconsin Show in May. I can state that a meeting there would have attracted no less than six new members plus, ten MEC members were in attendance. I have been involved with many groups, and can speak with authority. On the articles - com'on folks give Burt a hand. I hereby promise one within a reasonable amount of time.

Kurt Krueger

Hello Burt,

One of these days I will surprise you with an article for your newsletter. I enjoy the MEC newsletter very much and you're doing a very good job in keeping it going. Who will take over when you leave? It's a job that has to be done, with little thanks, but all in all appreciated by most members. Those that complain should try it. I had a complainer in one of my Conn. clubs, until I made him the chairman of what he was complaining about. - Hasn't showed up to a meeting in two years.

Your friends from Conn.,

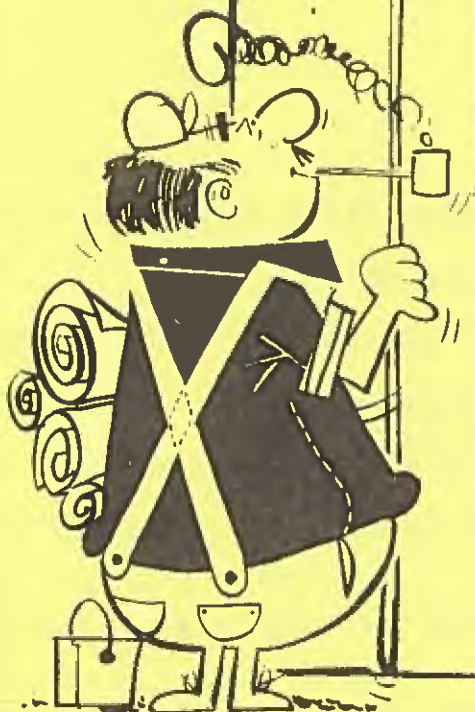
Sally & Al Kirka

B.L.,

Sorry to hear about MEC falling down. I was editor of Cal. Wood Money Bulletin for 18 months and I know the job it was to get storys and articles. Wish I had more knowledge about the Elongated Hobby so I could write with more authority.

Keep the faith,

Tom Hudson



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Dear Fellow Collector,

As you know I've tried just about everything possible to promote the 'ELONGATED COIN' hobby. Well I've gone one step further and I produced a twenty five minute color slide program (script included) which is now available to all Midwest Elongated Collectors, The Elongated Collectors, and California Collectors of Elongateds members, who would like to make the presentation at their local coin club or group.

The rental fee per showing date is one dollar & fifty cents which just covers the cost of mailing, insurance, and slide restoration. (This is intended as a non-profit educational service.)

Please complete the following form:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$ 1.50 made payable to Burton Neal Levy for rental services. Please reserve the color slide program in my name for the earliest date available;

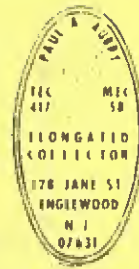
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I agree to return the color slide package within 48hrs. via air mail insured in the amount of fifteen dollars.

Signature _____ Date _____



PAUL'S SPECIALTIES



R.W. Jobe:

MERRY XMAS /1964/ head of Santa /small solid lines top and bottom.

MERRY XMAS /1965/ head of Santa / dotted border.

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM / THE JOBES/ two candles and holly leaves.

MERRY XMAS /1973/ head of Santa/ dotted border.

RALPH JONES:

1969 /MERRY XMAS/ head of Santa/ dotted border /Ralph Jones.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR /12/25/68/ Santa standing and ringing a bell / dotted border.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR / error - same as above but date is 2-25-68.

FROM FLORIDA A /MERRY CHRISTMAS JOY TO THE WORLD/ small building with trees/ dotted border.

SALLY & AL KIRKA:

MERRY CHRISTMAS /1973/ AL & SALLY KIRKA/ Christmas tree with a star on top/ line border.

MERRY CHRISTMAS /HAPPY NEW YEAR/ head of Santa/ line border/ 1973.

R.W. LUCHTMAN:

SEASONS GREETINGS /1971/FRED J. RUMPLIK/ three bells with ribbons and holly leaves/ holly leaves make up border.

1972/ CHRISTMAS GREETINGS/ FRED J. RUMPLIK/ holly leaves make up border.

SEASONS GREETINGS /1973/ FRED J. RUMPLIK/ horse drawn coach/ line border.

MERRY CHRISTMAS /"JACK THE MAILMAN"/ MY 20th - RTE. # 103 - 08902 / mailman holding big letter with stamp and large N.J. as address/ star make up border.

GUS MECCARELLO:

GREETINGS 1971/ Christmas tree with large star on top/ no border.

MERRY XMAS /1971/ large candle/ C.M. initials/ line border.

PAUL'S SPECIALITIES

GUS MECCARELLO: (continued)

MERRY XMAS / same as above - date changed to 1972.

SEASONS GREETINGS / THE MECCARELLO'S/ large horse drawn coach/ no border.

CHRISTMAS COIN COLLECTORS CLUB / Santa standing/ holly leaf border.

JACK MECCARELLO:

No writing/ Santa standing with a bag of toys/ large dotted border.

MERRY CHRISTMAS /HAPPY NEW YEAR/ A MECCARELLO./1971/ large star/ line border.

PONTIAC PRESS: (ELMER ANDERSON)

MERRY CHRISTMAS /A SAVIOR IS BORN/ 1971/ manger with star above/ double line border.

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS/ Santa with a bag full of toys/ holly leaf border.

MERRY CHRISTMAS /STAR OF THE EAST/ shepherd looking up at star/1972 / double line border.

MERRY CHRISTMAS /SILENT NIGHT/ shows bible with a candle above/ holly leaf border.

PRAY FOR PEACE ON EARTH /MERRY CHRISTMAS/ 1968/ wise men going toward the star.

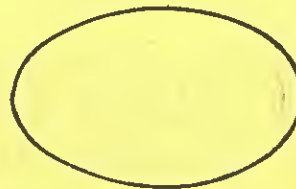
MERRY CHRISTMAS /PEACE ON EARTH/ 1973/ carolers singing/ holly leaves border.

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'Elongated Collectors Gather At Meeting'

by Ruby Threlkeld

We had a fine meeting of elongated collectors in Miami, Florida on August 16th. MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS were well represented by 14 members. Sally Kirka, president of TEC conducted the meeting and welcomed everyone.

I was most happy to meet some of the rollers and collectors I had been reading about for some time. These included Sheldon Green, John Spadone, Milton Heitman, O. Wilson Morgan, Ralph Wright and others. We almost did not rec-Ben Odesser without his TAMS green cap. It seems it got wet so Ben came to the meeting capless.

Many beautiful plaques were presented at this meeting. These included one to Sally and Al Kirka for rolling the most beautiful coin in 1973. Sally was presented a beautiful plaque by Harold Anderson in honor of being the first lady president of TEC. Lee Martin was given a beautiful plaque for his generous cash donation to the elongated clubs from the sale of his fine book on elongateds. Lloyd Wagaman was presented a plaque in appreciation for his help to the president and for coins he rolled. Ruby Threlkeld was presented a plaque in appreciation for her help to the president and for the history book made for TEC archives. Others winning awards were Bob Luchtman and Bob Callander. (I hope I did not forget anyone.) Fred Mantci was presented a plaque for his exhibit of elongateds in the ANA bourse.

Many fine elongateds were given out to those attending the meeting. All were appreciated. There were 44 members and guests at the meeting. Several others were at the convention but had other commitments.

Maybe as time goes on we will all get to meet and have a jam session at a convention.

'As An Elongated Roller'

by Don Adams

As an elongated roller, I truly appreciate the beauty of the design depicted in many elongateds rolled by my fellow elongated rollers. To me, this is a way or recapturing beautiful art and at the same time being able to let your imagination loose and create art.

I believe that many elongated coin collectors prefer to collect these coins in a series rather than individual coins. Coming up soon are issues 5 & 6 of the Elongated series, "The 200th Anniversary of the U. S. Revolution." These elongateds are beautiful in both design and appearance. We at Don Adams Companies use only uncirculated coins, therefore, the appearance of the series is bright and shiny.

I know that most of us love to collect elongated coins for the beauty of the design, but in the back of our minds we are looking at the investment end of it. So, at Don Adams Companies we put forth our best effort to create not only beautiful designs, but expertly rolled coins.

We would like at this time, to thank all our subscribers to the "U. S. Type Series", "U. S. Stamp Series" and our new "U. S. Bicentennial Series" for their patronage and kindness.

'Hey Gus You Missed The "Holey" Ones'

by John H. Wilcox

Our recent trip to Pennsylvania Dutchland and the flea markets; Renningers and Shopp's Grove only turned up two older elongateds - a LPdbHDPG #4 and a N.Y.HFC #2. Seeing the "Half-Moon" elongated has a hole through the sail and the other coin is a Lord's Prayer - I consider these "Holey". The fact that at each dealers' table where tokens existed Gus Meccarello's personal elongated was seen, but no other elongateds. I believe my title fits.

The dealer who sold me the "Half-Moon" told me a fellow had been through last week. I asked how come he didn't get this one. He replied we didn't it. This we found in the back of an old radio.

So Gus you certainly didn't miss much. How did you do ??

Peg managed to get three nice Santa pin back buttons for her collection and I picked up a post office employees' ticket fare from Wilmington, Delaware and a small lead mailman for my postal theme.

I wish to add the N.Y.HFC #2 was the best find of our trip even though I have a perfect coin that I won on a mail bid. I've named this the "Half-Missed-Half-Moon" because the hole looks like a cannon shot. Besides the hole brought the price down to fifty cents.

I splurged and bought an 1892 engraved dime which is a date error as the engraving reads; "Columbus Day Oct. 21, 1892". This cost me \$ 7.50 plus tax. Perhaps this was a Columbian Expo rush job.

'A Memorable Day During My Vacation'

by Joseph L. Thornhill

On June 15, 1974 I left sunny Florida for a two week vacation in Chicago. The temperature was a warm 90 degrees that day, however upon arriving in 'The Windy City' the temperature was only 54 degrees and the traffic was bad due to repair work. This was not the way I had planned my vacation.

I phoned Burt Levy upon arriving in Chicago, who has been a very close friend for the past twelve years and who started me collecting elongated coins about two and a half years ago. My wife refers to elongateds as squashed pennies.

Burt invited me to attend a coin show with him in Milwaukee that week and on the way up to the coin show it rained cats and dogs all the way. I thought this was going to be another lousy day during my vacation I'd try to forget. Then after walking through the show and talking to each and every dealer I knew this was not going to be my day.

While we were in Milwaukee Burt phoned C7 Elongates to tell them that we were in town and Rudy & Betty invited us over. I met two of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Rudy and Betty made me feel at home at once.

I had so many questions to ask that I didn't know where to begin. I final-

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ly asked if I could see the machine used to roll the elongated coins. Betty explained how the machine worked and she even rolled a couple of coins so that I could actually see how it worked.

Rudy explained how the dies were made and engraved. This was all very exciting, but the highlight came when Betty asked if I would like to roll a coin myself. To my surprise it was not as easy as it looked. First the coins has to be placed just right and the proper tension must be set on the machine depending upon the type coin being rolled. Then you push the coin with a piece of wood with the left hand and crank the machine with the right hand, which requires muscle power.

In closing I would like to thank Burt for introducing me to Rudy and Betty Skaritka, and most of all to the nicest couple I have ever met, who took time to explain the process of rolling elongated coins and for making this day one which I will never forget.

Everyone has a favorite coin in his or her collection, and my favorite coin is the elongated I rolled myself.



When space permits I plan to use descriptions of the Chicago World's Fair as published in The Official Guide Book of the World's Fair of 1934. This article is about the Sky Ride described in the present tense, so sit back and the year is 1934.

The Sky Ride mainland tower is near the south end of the Avenue of Flags. The spectacular steel web towers of the Sky Ride, rising 628 feet in the air, are the highest man-made structures west of the Atlantic coast. At their tops are observation platforms from which is obtained a matchless view of the Exposition spread out below you like a brilliantly colored map, with the lake on one side and on the other the miles of buildings of Chicago. At night the scene is an incredible spectacle of colored light and movement.

The Sky Ride illumination is a striking feature of the night view of the Exposition. The top of each tower is bathed in soft green light and the observation platforms are circled with crimson light. Thousands of bulbs outline the lofty network of cables against the sky.

Aerial cable track of the Sky Ride crosses the lagoons at the 210 foot level for a trip between the towers, which are 1,850 feet apart. In the boat-shaped observation cars the ride is a thrilling novelty, enjoyed in perfect safety.

To make possible this tremendous attraction five great companies joined forces. These were: Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Company, Inland Steel Company, Otis Elevator Company and John A. Roebling's Sons Co.

The Sky Ride is one of the outstanding engineering works of the century. The network of steel cables connecting them is one of the world's longest suspension bridges, equal in length to the Ambassador Bridge at Detroit connecting the United States and Canada. During the 1933 Exposition 2,616,389 persons went up the towers and crossed in the observation cars.

Dear Fellow Members,

My August 9th Presidential Message expressed my feelings which have been stored up in me for many months. Unfortunately everything said was true and I hope it hit home to those individuals who have been remaining in the background since their membership. I would like to think that in the on coming year every member would turn a new leaf and support MEC to their fullest ability.

Kurt Krueger came up with a wonderful suggestion which I am totally in favor of which is holding an annual meeting in conjunction with the Central States Numismatic Society Convention. I hereby place him on this newly formed committee and I will personally keep in touch with Kurt and bring the final proposal to the Board of Directors. I see no reason why the B.O.D. would not approve it unless another convention is considered. I will agree with Kurt in his letter published in the 'Letters To The Editor' section of this newsletter concerning the Wisconsin show in May. At that time the B.O.D. felt that attendance would be poor. Well, as the saying goes, 'One learns from one's mistakes'.

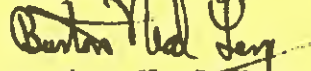
As for local meetings, I agree with Sally Kirka (this letter not ready for copy) who suggested having only four meetings locally. Another suggestion she made was to retain my Presidency for another term until MEC attains a stronger position. I have considered this as I had previously expressed my desire not to run for any offices in 1975. However, I would prefer to see a new face in office. Surely whoever is elected President would be capable of holding office provided the proper support is given.

I would like to propose that the Executive board (excluding Secretary-Treasurer) and the Board of Directors be open to members not only in the Chicago area but throughout the country. Please step forward and announce the office you would like to hold. It will not be necessary to attend meetings as long as correspondence can be executed through the mail and newsletter. I take these suggestions and changes upon myself unless the B.O.D. and membership states otherwise.

Our Constitution and By-Laws are outdated in my opinion considering the events which have taken place. I would therefore suggest using logic and common sense in dealing with current matters until a committee can be formed to up-date the Constitution and By-Laws.

I surely believe we'll be celebrating our 5th anniversary in 1976 and I hope you will all be with us to make this possible.

Respectfully


Burton Neal Levy

